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Senate Bill No. 60

(By Senators Williams and Sypolt)

[Originating in the Committee on Government Organization; reported February 6, 2015.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-6-25, relating to food handler examinations and cards; establishing that cards are valid for three years; allowing for cards to be valid in all counties of the state; requiring food handler card within thirty days of being hired; and requiring Bureau for Public Health establish minimum guidelines for training programs for individuals seeking a food handler permit or card.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-6-25, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

§16-6-25. Food handler examinations and cards.

- 1 Any food handler permit or card that has been issued
- 2 pursuant to the procedures put in place by a local county
- 3 health department shall be valid for three years. Any such
- 4 permit or card shall be valid in all counties of this state,
- 5 provided the applicant pay an additional fee not to exceed
- 6 \$10.00. A food handler permit or card, if required, shall be
- 7 obtained within thirty days of being hired in a restaurant or
- 8 other applicable food establishment. The Bureau for Public
- 9 Health shall develop minimum guidelines for training
- 10 programs for individuals seeking a food handler permit or
- 11 card that may be issued by local county health departments.